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US-PAT-NO: 6591250

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TITLE: System and method for managing virtual property

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PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION This application claims the benefit under Title 35, U.S.C. .sctn.119(e) of co-pending U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/075,518, filed Feb. 23, 1998, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING VIRTUAL PROPERTY" by Michael T. Johnson and George P. Moromisato, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method for managing virtual property is disclosed. In the system, virtual items are each represented by one or more digital objects and are managed by one or more computer systems functioning as an owner, broker, authenticator and provider.

43 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

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Jul 8, 2003

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6591250 B1

TITLE: System and method for managing virtual property

Application Filing Date (1):19990215Brief Summary Text (5):

Virtual property in a software construct may be a digital object or other software token that represents actual property or serves as a substitute for actual property in certain transactions. Actual property may include stocks, bonds, or any other real, tangible, or intangible property. Both virtual property and paper instruments such as a check represent actual property. Unfortunately, these cryptographic systems are also subject to attacks that may compromise the security of their transactions.

Detailed Description Text (35):

Centralized tracking should be available to detect forgery of virtual property items. Centralized tracking also provides security of a user's virtual property items because the centralized system used to validate an owner's virtual property items is itself a secure system. According to various embodiments of the invention, new systems and methods are disclosed for tracking large numbers of virtual property items using a very small database by representing the virtual property items with a cryptographic hash value or digest. Also, items must be tracked to guarantee their authenticity such that forgery of virtual property items is detected. Forgery should be detected in such a system to avoid forgery of items that may be used as the basis of a virtual property transaction. A cryptographic hash value may be computed for one or more virtual property items and compared to a hash value calculated independently to verify that virtual property items are authentic.

Current US Original Classification (1):705/51

CLAIMS:

13. The system according to claim 10, wherein the software object represents a game token.

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Feb 3, 1998

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5715403 A

TITLE: System for controlling the distribution and use of digital works having attached usage rights where the usage rights are defined by a usage rights grammar

Detailed Description Text (150):

If Remaining-Rights is not specified, then there are no rights for the original after all Loan copies are loaned out. If Remaining-Rights is specified, then the ~~Keep: token~~ can be used to simplify the expression of what ~~rights to keep~~ ~~to keep~~. A list of right codes following keep means that all of the versions of those listed rights are kept in the remaining copy. This specification can be overridden by subsequent Delete: or Replace: specifications.

Detailed Description Text (412):

The requester decrypts the software using the key from the certificate and computes a check code on it using a 1-way hash function. If the check-code does not match the tamper-checking code from the certificate, the installation transaction ends with an error. (This step assures that the contents of the software, including the various scripts, have not been tampered with.)

Detailed Description Text (423):

The requester decrypts the software using the key from the certificate and computes a check code on it using a 1-way hash function. If the check-code does not match the tamper-checking code from the certificate, the installation transaction ends with an error. (This step assures that the contents of the software, including the various scripts, have not been tampered with.)

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ABSTRACT:

A system for controlling use and distribution of digital works. The present invention allows the owner of a digital work to attach usage rights to their work. The usage rights define how the individual digital work may be used and distributed. Instances of usage rights are defined using a flexible and extensible usage rights grammar. Conceptually, a right in the usage rights grammar is a label associated with a predetermined behavior and conditions to exercising the right.

The behavior of a usage right is embodied in a predetermined set of usage transactions steps. The usage transaction steps further check all conditions which must be satisfied before the right may be exercised. These usage transaction steps define a protocol for requesting the exercise of a right and the carrying out of a right.

28 Claims, 20 Drawing figures

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